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Mad at God

Roberto is a guy I run into from time to time at the gym in the mornings. He lived in Paradise, where he worked as a VA in-home caregiver, and in the construction business. When I ran into him after the Camp fire, he told me of his harrowing experience that tragic Thursday, November 8.

"You did crazy stuff," I said. "Risking your life!"

"I know," he said, "but I was mad at God! How could He take away our beautiful home, our beautiful life? Paradise was really paradise!"

Roberto lived on five acres. A nice house, room for his tools, trailer and trucks, and room for the kids. All eight of them.

At 7:30 that Thursday morning, Roberto left home and went to the fitness club in Paradise. A sign on the door said it was closed "due to fire." He hadn't heard yet. A lady pulled into the parking lot and yelled, "Fire!"

He thought first of his two patients in Magalia, a 95-year-old invalid, and an 80- year-old in a wheelchair. Roberto races to Magalia and convinces the 95-yearold to leave with his son. The roads are now blockaded

by emergency vehicles. He calls a sheriff's officer he knows, who finds the 80-year-old and takes him to

Roberto shoots back down through Paradise. On Pentz Road he sees a disoriented elderly man and pulls him into his Suburban. The sky has blackened.

He drives back home. "Now the embers are flying in the wind, and flames are growing high," he tells me.

"God, why would you take this all away?" he shouts.

His wife calls his cell phone. She is driving to Chico in the evacuating mass of vehicles. "Get out!" she shouts. "Don't do this to me and the kids!"

"You will be safe," he tells her. "I will join you later."

His house is on fire now. Time to go. He backs the Suburban up, past his other two pickup trucks, the white Silverado and the black Silverado.

Roberto suddenly decides he is taking all three of his trucks. How will he do this?

To be Continued...

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